

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Original) Coin slot for a mechanical coin-acceptor unit, comprising a coin slot aperture, which is incorporated in a front plate, a coin slot chamber and a coin channel, the coin channel being offset relative to the coin slot aperture and the coin slot chamber having a shoulder behind the coin slot aperture in the insertion direction, wherein the shoulder is configured so as to vibrate as a coin reflector in such a manner that an impacting inserted coin in the coin slot chamber is reflected by the shoulder elastically in the direction of the front plate and, in the coin slot chamber, experiences a renewed reversal of direction in the direction of the coin channel.

2. (Original) Coin slot according to claim 1, wherein the coin slot chamber has a height which is substantially greater than the height of the insertion aperture and the insertion aperture in the front plate is configured in the upper region of the coin slot chamber in such a manner that an inserted coin falls downwardly in an arcuate manner and impacts against the coin reflector and falls further downwardly counter to the insertion direction until it hits the front plate and/or the base of the coin slot chamber and/or experiences a reversal of direction due to gravity.

3. (Original) Coin slot according to claim 1, wherein, in order to achieve the vibrating coin reflector, the transition regions of the shoulder to a side wall of the coin slot chamber and to a side wall of the coin channel are provided with clearances.

4. (Original) Coin slot according to claim 2, wherein, in order to achieve the vibrating coin reflector, the transition regions of the shoulder to a side wall of the coin slot chamber and to a side wall of the coin channel are provided with clearances.

5. (Original) Coin slot according to claim 3, wherein, in the transition regions, the clearances are configured as apertures formed at the height of the coin slot chamber.

6. (Original) Coin slot according to claim 4, wherein, in the transition regions, the clearances are configured as apertures formed at the height of the coin slot chamber.

7. (Original) Coin slot according to claim 1, wherein the shoulder comprises a flexible material.

8. (Original) Coin slot according to claim 7, wherein the shoulder comprises a tongue extending in the vertical direction of the coin slot chamber, as coin deflector.

9. (Original) Mechanical coin-acceptor unit with a coin slot comprising a coin slot aperture, which is incorporated in a front plate, a coin slot chamber and a coin channel, the coin channel being offset relative to the coin slot aperture and the coin slot chamber having a shoulder behind the coin slot aperture in the insertion direction, wherein the shoulder is configured so as to vibrate as a coin reflector in such a manner that an impacting inserted coin in the coin slot chamber is reflected by the shoulder elastically in the direction of the front plate and, in the coin slot chamber, experiences a renewed reversal of direction in the direction of the coin channel, wherein the coin channel having various checking devices, in the direction of movement of the coin, for checking parameters of the coin in a lateral delimiting wall, an acknowledgement and acceptance region for valid coins being provided at the end of the coin channel and a longitudinal opening, situated opposite the lateral delimiting wall, being disposed over a substantial part of the coin channel, through which opening coins which have not to be accepted fall into a return shaft.

10. (Original) The mechanical coin-acceptor unit according to claim 9, wherein the coin slot chamber has a height which is substantially greater than the height of the insertion aperture and the insertion aperture in the front plate is configured in the upper region of the coin slot chamber in such a manner that an inserted coin falls downwardly in an arcuate manner and impacts against the coin reflector and falls further downwardly counter to the insertion direction until it hits the front plate and/or the base of the coin slot chamber and/or experiences a reversal of direction due to gravity.

11. (Original) The mechanical coin-acceptor unit according to claim 9, wherein, in order to achieve the vibrating coin reflector, the transition regions of the shoulder to a side wall of the coin slot chamber and to a side wall of the coin channel are provided with clearances.

12. (Original) The mechanical coin-acceptor unit according to claim 10, wherein, in order to achieve the vibrating coin reflector, the transition regions of the shoulder to a side wall of the coin slot chamber and to a side wall of the coin channel are provided with clearances.

13. (Original) The mechanical coin-acceptor unit according to claim 11, wherein, in the transition regions, the clearances are configured as apertures formed at the height of the coin slot chamber.

14. (Original) The mechanical coin-acceptor unit according to claim 12, wherein, in the transition regions, the clearances are configured as apertures formed at the height of the coin slot chamber.

15. (Original) The mechanical coin-acceptor unit according to claim 9, wherein the shoulder comprises a flexible material.

16. (Original) The mechanical coin-acceptor unit according to claim 15, wherein the shoulder comprises a tongue extending in the vertical direction of the coin slot chamber, as coin deflector.

17. (NEW) Coin slot for a mechanical coin-acceptor unit, comprising a coin slot aperture, which is incorporated in a front plate, a coin slot chamber and a coin channel, the coin channel being offset relative to the coin slot aperture and the coin slot chamber having a shoulder behind the coin slot aperture in the insertion direction, wherein the shoulder is configured so as to vibrate as a coin reflector in such a manner that an impacting inserted coin in the coin slot chamber is reflected by the shoulder elastically in the direction of the front plate and, in the coin slot chamber, experiences a renewed reversal of direction in the direction of the coin channel, wherein, in order to achieve the vibrating coin reflector, the transition regions of the shoulder to a side wall of the coin slot chamber and to a side wall of the coin channel are provided with clearances.

18. (NEW) Coin slot according to claim 17, wherein the coin slot chamber has a height which is substantially greater than the height of the insertion aperture and the insertion aperture in the front plate is configured in the upper region of the coin slot chamber in such a manner that an inserted coin falls downwardly in an arcuate manner and impacts against the coin reflector and falls further downwardly counter to the insertion direction until it hits the front plate and/or the base of the coin slot chamber and/or experiences a reversal of direction due to gravity.

19. (NEW) Coin slot according to claim 18, wherein, in order to achieve the vibrating coin reflector, the transition regions of the shoulder to a side wall of the coin slot chamber and to a side wall of the coin channel are provided with clearances.

20. (NEW) Coin slot according to claim 17, wherein, in the transition regions, the clearances are configured as apertures formed at the height of the coin slot chamber.